

OAKHAM TOWN REPORT



1999

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the

TOWN OFFICIALS
of the

*TOWN OF OAKHAM,
MASSACHUSETTS*

for the
FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1999

DEDICATION



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

This year's Annual Town Report is dedicated to Henry (Hank) Stone, Jr.

Hank served as a selectmen for a one term from May 1951 to May 1954. He served as inspector of animals and inspector of slaughtering since 1959. He also served on the Ware River Watershed Committee for the past year.

He was born and grew up in Oakham and lives on the family farm top of the hill on Stone Road. This farm has been in the Stone family for many generations.

Henry served his country during World War II on the European front. He was captured and became a German prisoner of war.

Upon returning from the war, Hank attended and graduated from Clark University with a degree in business. While at Clark University he played baseball. He continues to enjoy baseball and root for his favorite team, the Yankees.

He and his wife, Josephine, took over the family dairy farm from his parents and ran it until the 1990's when they retired. They raised prize Jersey cows and in the earlier years of their farming careers raised Holstein cattle as well. During their tenure as farmers, they built a new barn and installed the latest equipment in dairy and farming technology.

After retiring from farming, Hank and Josephine became very active in veterans and prisoners of war organizations. Over the years they have attended many conventions in many states and attended many senior activities in town. Hank has lectured at schools on his experience as a prisoner of war and participated in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day parades and ceremonies.

Henry W. Stone, Jr. has served the town for over half a century.



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GENERAL GOVERNMENT --
ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present the reports of several officers, boards and committees for the fiscal year of 1999, covering the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

The Board of Selectmen met bi-weekly on Monday evenings to approve the expenditures of officers and departments, and made appointments of personnel within our jurisdiction and conducted the business of the town. Each member also represents the Board of Selectmen on various committees such as the Municipal Building, Library Building Committee, and the Fire Truck Study Committee.

Fiscal year 1999 was a busy year as usual, a year that dealt with the supervision of some minor and major projects, culminating with the new Municipal Building completed this year, which houses our Highway Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance. This structure was designed to provide the town with a state of the art building which will provide our departments with the facilities they need in order to serve the town for decades to come.

We also completely renovated the old fire station, which now has become the new home for the Oakham Police department. The police department was relocated from two small rooms at the town hall.

All facilities new and renovated were formally dedicated on May 8, 1999. Many towns' people turned out for the historic occasion and took the opportunity to tour the new facilities. We wish to thank the residents for their approval and support of these projects, for without it we would not be celebrating this event.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to express our appreciation for the continued cooperation of all the people elected, appointed, and to the many volunteers, who have given of themselves so freely. Without this commitment to the Town we would not be able to operate and provide the essential services to our community

Respectfully Submitted

Leo T. McCaffrey, Chairman
Clayton Rice, Vice Chairman
Robert J. Leary, Member

Appointed Positions -- Fiscal 1999

POSITION	APPOINTEE	TERM EXPIRATION
Animal Inspector	Hank Stone	1999
	Nancy Dahn	1999
Arts Council	Rosemary Cameron	2000
	Jocelyn Wile	2000
	Dena Hengst	2000
	Ted Brown	2000
	Mary Martiros	2000
	Carrie Whyte	2000
Board of Registrars	Ellenor Downer	1999
	Susan Carpenter	1999
	Maude Stone	1999
Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer	Ralph Dwelly	1999
	Donald Cournoyer, (assistant)	1999
Cemetery Commissioner (due to vacancy)	Robert Whyte	1999
Civil Defense Director	Tim Toomey	1999
Conservation Commission	Lucy Tessnau	2002
	Mark Blanchard	2004
	Roland Ruel	2003
Council on Aging	Ann Troy	2002
	Jocelyn Wile	2002
Dog Officer	Nancy Dahn	1999
Dog Officer, Assistant	Linda Seeds	1999
Fire Chief	Richard Howe	1999
Fire Truck Replacement Committee	Robert Leary	1999
	Randy Packard	1999
	Richard Howe	1999
	Bradford Taylor	1999
	Richard Lajoie	1999
Harassment/Sexual Harassment Officer	Donna Couture	1999
Highway Superintendent	C. Kevin Currier	2000
Historical Commission	Jeff Young	1999
	Mark Mirabella	1999
	Maude Stone	1999
	Tina Mirabella	1999
Library Study Committee	Clayton Rice	1999
	Ralph Dwelly	1999
	Susan Turnbull	1999
Municipal Building Committee	Lionel Lajoie, Jr	1999
	Ellenor Downer	1999
	Denis delaGorginedere	1999
	Michael Russ	1999
Personnel Board	Roger Lavoie	1999
	Kathryn Specker	1999
	Normand Carpenter	1999
	David Richards	1999
Police Chief	David Galena	2000
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	Byron Carpenter	1999
Recycling Coordinator, BOH	Nancy Johnston	1999
Town Acct./Admin. Assistant	Donna Couture	2000

Town Clerk (due to resignation)	Ellenor Downer	1999
Town Counsel	Robert D. Cox	1999
Wire Inspector	Denis delaGorgindere	1999
Wire Inspector, Assistant	L. Thomas McCaffrey, Jr.	1999
Veteran's Agent	Leonard Hardy	1999
Zoning Appeals Board	Roy Spinney	1999
	Gunther Mueller	2000
	Lucy Tessnau	2001
Zoning Appeals Board, alternate	Carol Spinney	1999

Police Officers Appointments
Term Ending June 30, 1999

<u>Regular Police Officer:</u>	
Frederick Gehring	Arthur Zorge
Michael Stoddard	James Albano, III
Nancy Stoddard	Stephen Lange
Tom Lee	
<u>Special Police Officers:</u>	
James Thompson, Barre Chief	Richard Brackes Sgt., Barre
Peter Caine, Barre PD	Ralph Anderson, Rutland Chief
Richard Salls, Sgt. Rutland PD	Philip Martin, Rutland PD
Glenn Ludden, Rutland PD	Wayne Walker, Rutland PD
Mick Renshaw, Rutland PD	Claude Brunelle, Rutland PD
W. Kevin White, Rutland PD	Kevin Drolet, Rutland PD
Patricia Babin, Shrewsbury PD	Ronald Cloutier, Paxton (firearms)
Jay Dugan, Det., WBPD Drug Task Force	Russell Jones, .Mass. Dept. Corrections

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk’s office is open on Tuesday evenings form 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. I am available to help with dog, hunting, and fishing licenses, registering to vote and provide copies of birth, marriage or death certificates and applications for business certificates are filed in the Town Clerk’s office.

You May register to vote in the Town Clerk’s office, or by mail. Special forms are located at the Post Office, Town Hall and Library. Before any federal, state or local election there are special voter registration sessions that will be posted.

As of January 1, 1999, Oakham’s Population was 1,740

Vital Statistics Totals, July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

Births	10	Marriages	5	Death	13
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1999

Three Year Terms:

Selectmen:

Clayton Rice	2001
Robert Leary	2002
Leo McCaffrey	2000

Assessors:

Herman A. Spinney, Jr.	2001
Kathleen S. Usher	2002

Constable

Russell Jones	2001
Marcia C. Casault	2001
Laurie F. Rosenkranz	2001
Lucy I. Tessnau	2001
Kathleen Usher	2001

Town Clerk

Ellenor Downer	2000
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Board of Health

William R. Payne	2000
Linda J. Mueller	1999

Treasurer

Edna Holloway	2001
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School Committee

Thomas A. Tashjian	2001
Caron Coakly	2000

Cemetery Committee

Maude M. Stone	2000
Wesley Dwelly	1999
Robert Whyte	2001

Tax Collector

Susan J. Carpenter	1999
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Library Trustees

Lois B. Linehan	2000
Dawn R. Thistle	2001
Susan Turnball	1999

Five Year Terms:

Planning Board

Peter Clifford	2001
Mark Turnball	2002
Thomas P. Hughes	2003
Phillip B. Warbasse	2000
Nancy Pettyjohn	2003

Moderator

Jeffrey A. Young	2001
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Tree Warden

Wesley Dwelly	1999
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Special Town Meeting Votes June 21, 1999

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Jeffrey Young.

Article 1: It was voted to transfer the following funds to the Town Council account;
 \$1,341.34 from the Municipal Construction Interest account,
 \$4,372.58 from the Municipal Building Legal Expense account,
 \$2,000.00 from Quabbin Regional Assessment account and,
 \$4,000.00 from the Treasurer's Short Term Interest account;

Article 2: It was voted to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$ 4,382.20 for replacement of the pad mounted transformer for the new Municipal Building.

Article 3: It was voted to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$3,963.14 for costs incurred to repair the electrical service at the new Municipal Building.

Annual Town Meeting Votes May 10, 1999

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Jeffrey Young.

Article 1 It was voted that the Town postpone the Annual Town Meeting until June 21, 1999.

The vote was oral and unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting Votes June 21, 1999

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Jeffrey Young.

- Article 1: It was voted to accept the reports of several town officers as printed in the Annual Town Report.
- Article 2: It was voted to elect Ellenor Downer, Eva Grimes, and Nancy Dahn as field drivers for the ensuing year.
- Article 3: It was voted to hear the results of the election of Town Officers held in May.
- Article 4: It was voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for Section 108, Chapter 4; of the General Laws of the Commonwealth as stated in the Finance Committee Report.

Moderator	150
Board of Selectmen	3,844
Treasurer	4,120
Tax Collector	4,600
Assessors	4,151
Town Clerk	3,075
Library Trustees	53
Cemetery Committee	54
Board of Health	154

- Article 5: It was voted to raise and appropriate in the treasury such sums of money as are necessary to pay salaries, expenses, and outlays of the several departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 as follows:

Board of Health	
Salaries, Elected	154
Expense	850
Recycling Coordinator	230
Sub-Total	<u>1,234</u>

Cemeteries	
Salaries, Elected	54
Expense	3,000
Sub-Total	<u>3,054</u>

Library	
Salaries, Elected	53
Salaries, Part-Time	11,530
Expense	10,590
Sub-Total	<u>22,173</u>

Historical Commission	
Expense	100
Sub-Total	<u>100</u>

Parks and Recreation	
Expense	3,900
Sub-Total	<u>3,900</u>

Education	
Quabbin Regional School	828,057
Assessment	
Quabbin Regional School	176,788
Bond Payment	
Vocational School	87,000

Assessment	
Sub-Total	<u>1,091,845</u>
Admin. Asst./Town Acct.:	
Salary	16,625
Expense	<u>1,000</u>
Sub-Total	<u>17,625</u>
Audit of Town Records	<u>7,500</u>
Board of Selectmen	
Salaries, Elected	3,844
Expense	<u>3,475</u>
Sub-Total	<u>7,319</u>
Insurance and Benefits	<u>85,779</u>
Board of Assessors	
Salaries, Elected	4,151
Salaries, Part-Time	12,000
Expense	<u>5,329</u>
Sub-Total	<u>21,480</u>
Finance Committee	
Expense	<u>370</u>
Sub-Total	<u>370</u>
Reserve Fund	<u>15,000</u>
Tax Collector	
Salary, Elected	4,600
Expense	<u>3,485</u>
Sub-Total	<u>8,085</u>
Treasurer	
Salary, Elected	4,120
Expense	<u>2,910</u>
Sub-Total	<u>7,030</u>
Debt Service	
Municipal Building	52,583
Short Term Interest	<u>2,000</u>
Sub-Total	<u>54,583</u>
Town Report Printing	<u>1,200</u>
Municipal Building Utilities	<u>0</u>
Town Hall	
Salaries, Part-Time	2,900
Expense	<u>12,200</u>

	Sub-Total	<u>15,100</u>
Highway		
Superintendent Salary	37,080	
Salaries and Wages	52,931	
Expense	42,325	
Capital-Backhoe/Calcium	0	
Spray		
Snow and Ice	26,500	
Sub-Total	<u>158,836</u>	
Land Use		
CMRP Assessment	300	
Conservation Comm	2,635	
Expense		
Planning Board Expense	660	
Zoning/Appeals Board	725	
Expense		
Sub-Total	<u>4,320</u>	
Moderator Salary	<u>150</u>	
Census		
Salaries, Part-Time	720	
Wages-Federal	1,000	
Census/Primary		
Expense	1,056	
Sub-Total	<u>2,776</u>	
Town Clerk		
Salary, Elected	3,075	
Expense	1,315	
Sub-Total	<u>4,390</u>	
Town Elections		
Salary, Registrar	50	
Wages, Part-Time	1,700	
Expense	400	
Sub-Total	<u>2,150</u>	
Legal		
Town Counsel	10,000	
Tax Title Expense	500	
Treasurer Foreclosure	2,000	
Expense		
Sub-Total	<u>12,500</u>	
Tree Warden		
Expense	950	
Sub-Total	<u>950</u>	
Animal Inspector		
Salary	270	

	Sub-Total	<u>270</u>
Ambulance		
	Director Salary	2,400
	Wages, Part-Time	14,875
	Expense	11,750
	Sub-Total	<u>29,025</u>
Dispatch		
	Expense	25,500
	Sub-Total	<u>25,500</u>
Civil Defense		
		<u>100</u>
Fire Department		
	Chief Salary	1,875
	Wages, Part-Time	7,600
	Expense	25,676
	Sub-Total	<u>35,151</u>
Police Department		
	Chief Salary	40,100
	Wages, Part-Time	17,450
	Expense	17,236
	Sub-Total	<u>74,786</u>
Council on Aging		
	Expense	3,450
	Sub-Total	<u>3,450</u>
Veterans Services		
	Salary	1,300
	Expense	1,300
	Sub-Total	<u>2,600</u>
	Grand Total Article 5:	<u><u>1,720,331</u></u>

Article 6: It was voted to appropriate \$24,700 from Ambulance Receipts reserved for appropriation for operating expenses for the Ambulance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1999.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar is intended to expedite the business of Town Meeting by combining routine, non-controversial and predictable articles and seeking in one motion approval on all articles. There will be no debate or discussion unless there is a request to remove an article to be discussed from the "Consent Calendar".

TOWN OF OAKHAM CONSENT CALENDAR MOTIONS

It was voted that the Town advance for consideration Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, and take action on such articles as stated in the Consent Calendar printed on the report and recommended by the Oakham Finance Committee, without debate on any Articles, provided that upon request of one voter at this meeting, made before the vote is taken on this motion, an Article shall be dropped from the Consent Calendar and shall be acted upon in the ordinary course of business at the Town Meeting.

- Article 7: Borrowing in anticipation of revenue
- Article 8: Transfer proceeds of Cemetery Lots
- Article 9: Transfer money paid for Perpetual Care
- Article 10: Accept State Library Grant
- Article 11: Authorize Selectmen to enter into agreement with Mass. DPW
- Article 12: Authorize Selectmen to set compensation
- Article 13: Authorize Treasurer to spend Highway Chapter 90 money
- Article 14: Board of Health Fees, Chapter 53 E 1/2
- Article 15: Building Inspector Fees Chapter 53 E 1/2
- Article 16: Wire Inspections Chapter 53 E 1/2
- Article 17: Plumbing Inspections Chapter 53 E 1/2
- Article 18: Fire Inspections Chapter 53 E 1/2
- Article 19: Town Clerk Fees Chapter 53 E 1/2
- Article 20: Tax Collector Fees Chapter 53 E 1/2
- Article 21: Deputy Tax Collector Fees Chapter 53 E 1/2
- Article 22: Dog Officers Fees Chapter 53 E 1/2

- Article 23: It was voted to hear the report of the Municipal Building Committee.
- Article 24: It was voted to hear the report of the Library Building Study Committee.
- Article 25: It was voted to hear the report of the Fire Truck Study Committee.
- Article 26: It was voted to carry over any moneys left in the Fiscal 1999 Treasurer's Foreclosure Account to Fiscal 2000
- Article 27: It was voted to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of \$2,000 for streetlights.
- Article 28: It was voted to pass over this article.
- Article 29: It was voted to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of \$15,000 to paint the Town Hall.
- Article 30: It was voted to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of \$25,000 to purchase and install a diesel emergency generator for the Municipal Building.
- Article 31: It was voted to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of \$5,000 to secure the structures located at 20 and 22 Coldbrook Road
- Article 32: It was voted to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of \$2,500 to purchase a new computer system for the Tax Collector and Treasurer.
- Article 33: It was voted to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of \$6,000 to purchase a new photocopier for the Town Hall.
- Article 34: It was voted to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of \$25,349 to purchase a new police cruiser.
- Article 35: It was voted to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of \$9,500 to purchase accounting software, necessary training and a printer for the Town Accountant.
- Article 36: It was voted to increase the number of members to FIVE for the Library Study Committee.
- Article 37: It was voted to establish a Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 38: It was voted to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash for the Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 39: It was voted to accept any sum of money received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of purchasing Bullet Proof Vests for the Police Department
- Article 40: It was voted to appropriate \$25,000 from Free Cash for the Stabilization Account.
- Article 41: It was voted to hear the Moderator's appointments to the Finance Committee.

Results of Annual Town Election, Monday, May 17, 1999

Selectmen, 3 year term		Assessors, 3 year term	
Robert J. Leary	37	Kathleen Usher	53
Blank	12	Blank	3
Write-ins	8	Write-ins	1
Board of Health, 3 year term		Library Trustee, 3 year term	
Linda J. Mueller	56	Susan B. Turnbull	52
Blank	1	Blank	5
Tax Collector, 3 year term		Town Clerk, 1 year term	
Susan J. Carpenter	55	Ellenor F. Downer	49
Blank	2	Blank	6
		Write-ins	2
Tree Warden, 3 year term		Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year term	
Blank	40	Blank	44
Write-ins	17	Write-in Wesley Dwelly	7 accepted
none with enough votes		Other Write-ins	6
Cemetery Commissioner, 2 year term		Planning Board, 5 year term	
Robert. B. Whyte	49	Thomas P. Hughes	50
Blank	8	Blank	7
Planning Board, 4 year term			
Nancy L. Pettyjohn	49		
Blank	7		
Write-ins	1		

Fifty-seven of the 988 registered voters voted in the town election.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT ~ ~

PUBLIC SAFETY

AMBULANCE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT



OAKHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE

P.O. BOX 185
Oakham, Ma. 01068-0185



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Richard H. Howe, Chief
Richard H. Davis, Director
Robert Tefft, EMT-D, 2nd Lt, Maintenance & Supply Officer
John Drolet, EMT-D
Ann Friberg, EMT-D
Robert Gaudette, EMT-P
Leif Hendrickson, EMT-D
Diane Petrone, EMT-D
Donna Petorne, EMT-D
Thomas Petrone, EMT-D
Shelley Lam, EMT-D
James Rollins, EMT-D

Fiscal Year 1999 was a challenging year for all EMT's. Being short handed and the continued effort to recruit EMT'S, they all came forward to ensure that the Emergency Service to the residents of Oakham continued without interruption. The support and help from the Fire Department First Responders has been a very important part of our delivery of Emergency Care. Their high level of professionalism and dedication was second to none.

During the Fiscal Year 1999 the Ambulance responded to 91 calls.

- 82 - MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 6 - FIRE ASSISTS
- 3 - POLICE ASSISTS
- 2 - MUTUAL AID TO OTHER TOWNS
- 2 - MUTUAL AID FROM OTHER TOWNS
- 8 - MUTUAL FROM ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT
- 13 - PATIENT SIGNS TRANSPORT REFUSAL – NO TRANSPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all EMT'S and FIRST RESPONDERS for their continued hard work and dedication to the residents of Oakham and the high level of Emergency Care you continue to give to the residents of Oakham.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard H. Davis".
Richard H. Davis, Director

Oakham Fire Department

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The most significant event of FY 1999 was moving into our new Fire Station. Our sincere thanks go to all the people who, over the period of three years, gave their time and effort for the Municipal Building Project.

The training during the first and second quarter was at a marathon pace. We utilized a vacant house located in New Braintree at the State Police Academy for 'hands on' training in structural firefighting techniques. In September, a house on Scott Road was donated to the Department for structural firefighting training. The Department members trained twice a week through October. The members of the Ambulance Squad also participated in the training. They helped in changing air bottles while evaluating the firefighter's physical condition. This all culminated with an all day controlled live fire training exercise. The firefighters completed the State mandated 1st Responder course and were re-certified. They also continued their Fire Fighter II training.

The incidences in which firefighters responded are as follows:

Ambulance Assists	10
Brush Fires	11
CO Detector Activation	3
Explosion	1
False Alarm	1
Fuel Tank Leak	1
Mutual Aid	1
Search	1
Smoke in Area	1
Smoke in House	1
Structure Fire	9
Vehicle Accidents	12

Outside burning permits issued 553

Respectfully submitted

Richard Howe
Chief of Department

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Fiscal 1999 was somewhat of a challenging year for the Highway Department. In May of 1998 the old highway garage was torn down in preparation for the construction of the new municipal building. The department moved all of its equipment and supplies into the salt shed and set up a temporary facility. Construction of the new safety complex started June 1, 1998. The highway superintendent acted as clerk of the works for the first six weeks of the project until a clerk was hired.

The Highway department was used to do all interior painting of the offices and meeting areas, also build a concrete pad for the propane supply tank and excavate and install propane supply line to the emergency generator.

We had limited funding for road construction projects since Chapter 90 funding was used for construction of the municipal building. Work consisted of bituminous patching, grading & raking of gravel roads, road sweeping, roadside mowing, mowing lawns, and brush chipping. With limited road construction, additional preventative maintenance to town equipment was performed. Including sand blasting and painting of dump body's, sanders and truck frames. A single axle tag trailer was built for moving mowing equipment and other equipment to and from job sites.

Because of cold mornings, and damp days, it was a pleasure to move into the new highway garage in mid-December.

Principal items of equipment owned by the Town are as follows:

1 1959 Austin Western Road Grader	1 Surveyors Transit
1 1985 Cat. IT 28 Loader	1 5 H.P. water pump
1 1989 International Diesel Dump Truck	1 Husgvarna grass trimmer/brush cutter
1 1983 L-8000 Ford Truck	1 Husgvarna Lawn Tractor
1 1997 F350 4 x 4 Dump Truck w/plow	1 X-Mark Commercial lawn mower
1 1965 John Deere Tractor w/mower	1 1995 Morbark Brush Chipper
1 1989 Torwel 6 c.y.S.S. automatic sander	1 1961 Wayne Road Sweeper
1 1984 Torwel 8 c.y automatic sander	1 Echo Power Pruner
1 Vee type Snow Plow	1 Milwaukee Chop Saw
6 One-way Snow Plows	1 9' Power Angle Snow Plow
1 8' Power Angle Snow Plow	1 170 Lincoln Mig Welder
1 Motor driven truck drawn road sweeper	1 4hp Trash Pump
1 1/2 bag cement mixer	1 1996 International Diesel Dump Truck
3 chain saws	1 Front Runner Rake
1 5 H.P. air compressor	1 8" Front Runner Rake
1 Single Axle Tag Trailer	1 1,500 gallon Liquid Calcium Storage Tank

Respectfully submitted,

C. Kevin Currier
Highway Superintendent

Oakham Police Department

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The past year has been a very busy year for the Police Department. In January 1999 we moved into our new facility. We went from two very small offices in the Town Hall a total of 175 square feet, to the rehabbed fire station on Barre Road. We now have a total of about 2500 square feet. Morale has never been higher in the department. All of our records and reports have been computerized. The officers now have a modern station that will last us at least until the mid twenty first century. Everyone at the police department wants to thank the Building Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the residents for voting the funds to complete the project.

At the annual Town Meeting in June the town voted to replace our aging 1994 Ford Police Car. In August we will take delivery of our new 1999 Ford Crown Victoria police car. We will be keeping the 1994 as a spare car that will be used primarily as an administrative vehicle for court and meetings out of town. With this spare vehicle we will always have a marked car in town.

I am please to report this has been the first year since I became Chief in 1990 that we did not have a **housebreak**. This decrease can be attributed to our aggressive traffic enforcement program. It has been proven all over the country that towns that have high traffic enforcement rate the housebreaks and crime overall all goes down. In June we received a Traffic Safety Award from the National Safety Council for accident reduction and prevention. This award again is a result of our enforcement program.

The following is a list of the more significant activities we were involved in during the past year.

Arrest	49	Abuse Orders (209A)	53
OUI Alcohol	6	Drug investigations	21
Indecent A&B on a child under 14	1	Domestic Abuse	11
Breaking and Entering Commercial	2	Larceny Over \$250	8
Burglar alarms	72	Vandalism	31

In June Sgt. David Halsdorff retired from the department. Sgt. Halsdroff was our DARE officer and we are currently looking for a replacement. I am confident that we will find one and be able to continue this valuable program.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and of the Boards we worked with during the past year to make Oakham a safe place to live and raise your children

Respectfully Submitted

David I. Galena Chief of Police

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - HUMAN SERVICES

ARTS COUNCIL

BOARD OF HEALTH

BUILDING INSPECTOR

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

COUNCIL ON AGING

LIBRARIAN

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

LIBRARY STUDY COMMITTEE

PARKS & RECREATION

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

TREE WARDEN

VETERANS SERVICES

WIRE INSPECTOR

ZONING APPEALS BOARD

REPORT OF THE ARTS COUNCIL / CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Oakham Cultural Council 1998-99 fiscal year began September 1998 with meetings held at the Congregational Church, including our community input meeting which was advertised locally.

The Council approved \$3,481 in grants which included musical and storytelling performances at Fobes Memorial Library as well as Christmas Tea / Tree Lighting. The Council also gave a partial grant for the very successful Mystery Dinner Theater.

Grants were also awarded for musical entertainment and a photography contest at the Yankee Fair, and storytelling and puppet shows sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

A special Valentine Day performance for the seniors of Oakham was given by John Root and a very popular event was a May night of contra dance lessons at the Center School complete with live music.

The Center School children were entertained and taught by cellist Gideon Freudmann (Cello Bop), and were also treated to a pottery demonstration in June. A partial grant was given (along with the Barre, Hubbardston, and New Braintree/Hardwick councils) to an art class from Quabbin Regional for a tour of the Worcester Art Museum and an opportunity to sketch and water color that day at the museum.

Our new logo, a winning design created by Jessica Rosencranz the previous year is now on our stationery.

Serving on the Cultural Council has been fun and very rewarding. There are always new avenues opening for grant recipient hopefuls. We encourage residents to consider applying for a grant in either the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences. And we also would enthusiastically welcome new members.

This is my last year as chair, and of my six-year term as a council member. The chairperson for 1999-00 will be Nancy Johnston. I am confident the council will move forward under Nancy's guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Morse, Chair
Nancy Johnston
Lisa Lajoie
Judy Menard
Patricia O'Connor
Carrie Whyte
Jocelyn Wile

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continues business as usual regarding the issuing of permits for wells repair of existing septic systems, installation of systems for new construction food services, and campground facilities.

Our meetings are held bi-monthly, the first and third Mondays of the month. Please call any of the members for information or with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

William Payne
Susan Hutchinson
Linda Mueller

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

I hereby submit my report of permits issued from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

Permit Breakdown:

Demolition	4	Bathrooms	1
Swimming Pools	4	Additions & Alterations	9
Decks and Porches	5	Sheds	5
Garage	8	Barns	7
One-Family Homes	11	Basement Remodeling	10
Roofing and Siding	4	Chimney and Wood Stoves	9
Storage	1	Annual Certificate for Public Bldg	4

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph W. Dwelly,
Inspector of Buildings/Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

During the 1999 fiscal year there were six regular burials, and two cremation burials. One four-grave and five two-grave lots were sold.

Mowing of all the cemeteries was carried out in the usual way.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley Dwelly
Maude Stone
Robert Whyte

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission holds its regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. This year the commission held 10 meetings, 6 hearings, conducted 7 site visits, issued 3 Determinations of Applicability, 3 Orders of Conditions, 2 Certificates of Compliance and 1 extension permit, as well as responding to numerous inquiries.

Also, permission was granted to the Highway Department for the emergency repair of yet another road heavily damaged when a beaver dam was breached.

The members received notification from the Dept. of Environmental Protection that they issued an Enforcement Order on one going project in Oakham.

In its continuing efforts to protect residents, future land-owners, and the environment the Oakham Conservation Commission submitted a by-law proposal to the Board of Selectmen. This proposal has been forwarded to the Planning Board and we are now awaiting the hearing stage of this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Blanchard, Chairman
Lucy Tessnau, Clerk
Joyce Megarry, Secretary
Roland Ruel, Vice Chairman
Mark Stellato, Enforcement Officer

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The council on aging held twelve meetings this year at the age center, where we met on the third Thursday of each month.

The Council again expresses its appreciation to the town and the many workers who lend their support to us throughout the year: the girl scouts who help deliver the fruit baskets and set up for the annual Valentine Dinner, the Lions Club for its generous monetary support of our Annual Valentine Dinner, the kitchen crew of the Oakham Congregational Church for preparing a delicious meal every year for our seniors and the town for its support of our meal site and Elderbus Services.

The council participated in several events this year which included judging at the Yankee Fair, holding a bingo party at the end of June for which we were very happy to have strawberry shortcake delivered to us by the Church and recreating committees, attending the annual summer picnic with the councils from Barre and surrounding towns, distributing the fruit baskets during the holidays and planning the annual Valentine's Day Dinner which over 70 enjoyed this year. Mr. John Root entertained us this year through a grant funded in part by the Oakham Cultural Council. We have been asked to invite him back next year. And we cannot overlook the importance of our newsletter, the Herald, so caringly written each month by Maude Stone.

Next year, we will be looking into the possibility of acquiring an air conditioner for the Senior Center and perhaps sponsoring a few more activities. We are always open to new ideas and welcome any input from town residents which will help the council perform its duties to the well being of our senior residents. If anyone would like to become a member, please speak to any of us at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Troy
Lucy Tessnau
Michelle Rutman
Jocelyn Wile
Carrie Whyte

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The past year was exciting, yet sometimes exasperating as we waited to hear that our awarded state funding, was available to begin major repairs and renovations to the library. However, support from the State Board of Library Commissioners, our State Representative and Senator, plus many of our patrons, kept our hopes high.

We were pleased to receive a new computer from the state, and to have several new references, on the computer, made available to our patrons, by our on-line provider. More training for library personnel was offered too.

The Library continues to offer story hours for preschool children, ages 2-5, each Tuesday and Thursday morning, during the school year. We also co-sponsor a summer reading program, for children who can read. This is a state-wide reading program, and this year the state asked that we try to do more to encourage and help readers throughout the year. In response to this request, we will strive to provide "listeners" and individual help for anyone who cares to come to the library on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, from 3:30 to 4:30. Twenty minutes of reading to, or with someone can make a difference in reading skills. We'll be here for you, if you'll call us at 882-3372, so we can prepare for your coming.

Our computer, fax machine and copier are available for public use and our supply of books is extensive, as it is supplemented by area college libraries that are members of the Central MA Regional Library System.

I am indebted to the Friends of the Library, our trustees, and the many volunteers for their assistance with the programs and services offered to the public. My thanks also goes to all who donated books and to the Oakham Fire Department for their never failing help in providing a community Christmas tree at the library.

Library hours remain the same as last year; Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Evening hours are 7:00 to 9:00 on Tuesdays and 7:00 – 9:30 on Thursdays.

Respectfully submitted,

Maude Stone, Librarian

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Year End Report for the Fiscal Year 1999 -- July 1, 1998 through June 30th, 1999

Hopes, plans and ideas for the future kept the Trustees busy as we waited for the library renovation money in the fiscal 1999 year. But, alas it was not to be. Dawn Thistle was re-elected to her second term in the end of fiscal 1998 and Lisa Lajoie was elected to fill out the remainder of a vacancy on the Board.

Regular business carried forth and the Trustees were able to offer several events for the community through generous donations of time and effort from the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc. and financial assistance through grants offered by the Oakham Cultural Council, a division of the Massachusetts Cultural Council..

The year started off with the Summer Reading Program sponsored jointly by the Massachusetts Regional Library System and the Fobes Memorial Library. The library has been able to offer this program for many years to the town's young readers. It is very popular for the fun and games and prizes! This years storyteller, Todd Goodwin, was sponsored as a part of the fun by a grant from the Oakham Cultural Council. About 50 people sat on the Town Common to hear his stories entitled "That's a Good 'Un".

In September, the library received a brand new Gateway 2000 computer from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library Service as part of the technology up-date package sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This computer enables the library to have quick access to the Word Wide Web through CW/Mars, our server, and access to the Central Mass. Library holdings via the on-line catalogue. One of the things on the Trustees Wish List for future years is that our libraries holdings may also be on-line.

\$1700 appropriated at Town Meeting for the chimney cricket repair was finally put to use in early December when the copper flashing was all re-done. It is believed that this section was last repaired in the early 50's. There are still several sections of copper that have yet to be re-done since the 50's - the lesser valleys on the east and west sides of the building. The major valleys were done in the early 90's. However, the entire roof was evaluated at the time of the repair and found to be in fair shape for a 90 year old slate roof that has had minimal upkeep.

The Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc. received conditional 501(c)(3) Federal Tax Exempt Status on July 1, 1999 enabling them to actively fund raise. The Friends are listed as a Tax Exempt Public Charity with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well. Many thanks to the group, headed up by Mrs. Helen Bechan for all their dedication and service. Friends meetings are usually the second Sunday of each month.

The Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc. supported the Trustees efforts to keep the library an active part of the community through many programs of various types, both fund-raising and educational. Though tremendous effort was involved in the Dungeon of Death Halloween Fund Raiser, it was again a total success. The Friends sponsored a table at the Church Holiday Bazaar in November, selling various items donated over the past year. The 1998 Holiday Tea and Tree Lighting was wonderful. Every year for the past 30 years, the Friends have hosted a Tea and in more recent years, added a tree lighting and entertainment. This years entertainment, Storyteller Barbara Dietrich, was sponsored in part by a grant from the Oakham Cultural Council. At the last minute, The Quabbin Community Orchestra, under the direction of Russell Killough-Miller, added the Messiah as a warm up act for Ms Dietrich. The audience then trooped out of doors and lit the tree, donated by Mr. Alan Barnitt of Spencer Road and erected and decorated by the members of Fire Department Association. Caroling around the center of town followed with special visits to Mrs. Stone, the librarian, who was home ill and missing the festivities and to Leone Daniels, 102, for a special in-home caroling. Everyone trooped back to the library and enjoyed the holiday tunes of Denis delaGorgendiere, Art Deschamps and Phil Katz as they partook of the cookies, hot chocolate and mulled cider. The Friends sponsored a perennial plant lecture in April, led by Master Gardener Linda Mueller, to get everyone thinking of gardening. The Friends also sponsored an Earth Day activity on the Wednesday of April Vacation. Though it was sparsely attended, the movie "Anima Mundi," a wildlife film of various animals and surroundings set to music, was wonderful. Then the group made geodesic domes out of old newspaper, still keeping the paper in a condition suitable for later recycling.

The Trustees sponsored the Quabbin Community Orchestra in a spring time concert entitled "A Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra" that was well attended by the community. Robin Carol made her first appearance on cello.

The Library was open during the Yankee Fair with the photograph contest, "Oakham Through the Lens," on display. This is the third year that this has been made possible by a grant from the Oakham Cultural Council to cover the mailing of the entry forms. There were over 40 photographs entered by 20 individuals. It is wonderful to see the artistry in and about Town. Get out your camera for this annual event! Any photograph taken in Oakham in the last year is eligible.

The library facility is available for your small group meetings and though it currently is not accessible to the physically challenged, please consider it. The Library was used several times

over the past year by the Parents Advisory Council and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation as a meeting site. The Cemetery Committee meets regularly at the library.

In March, the Trustees wrote job descriptions for the library's three employees and they were handed in to the Town Personnel Board. Over the years the job description of Library Director has changed significantly and now entails a great deal of technical expertise; just a sign of the times. The Assistant Librarian is equally challenged keeping pace with record keeping and getting books ready for the shelves. The Library custodian is continually challenged with dusting the high ceilinged building, but the toughest part of the job is the snow and ice of winter.

As the Trustees leave Fiscal 1999, there is great hopefulness that fiscal 2000 will hold a passing vote and the Commonwealth will fund the Library's Renovation and Construction Grant. For the past three years, the library has been left in the same hopeful spot and every year we are more and more ready and hopeful that this will be the year. Currently, Oakham is number 12, but if the present bill passes, rank will not matter, everyone on the approved list will be funded. Oakham is but pocket change relative to some of these other programs. Hopefully our year will be fiscal 2000. The Board of Selectmen felt that the project was coming close and this year expanded the Building Committee from 3 to 5 members at the Annual Town meeting. Appointed members are Lee Lajoie, Mike Russ, Denis delaGorgendiere, Ralph Dwelly and Susan Turnbull.

The Library has been able to accrue just over \$9000 toward the renovation and construction project by the forward thinking of Mrs. Stone. This money has been saved from the State Incentive Grant to Public Libraries, roughly \$2000 a year since 1996. Every penny will help to meet the goals!

Thanks to a mild winter, over \$900 was left in the library heat budget. The Trustees took this opportunity to replace the original step ladder with an eight foot fiberglass stepladder. Also, software was purchased to upgrade the libraries original computer to connect it with the Internet via a port at CW/Mars that is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that we had been unable to use previously. The new Gateway 2000 computer will be upgraded to include Office97 so that there will be filing, sorting and word-processing capabilities available to the staff and patrons. This will make the Library Directors job easier and provide the library with much needed capabilities.

Bring your ideas and visions for the library with you when you come to the library. The Trustees will be glad to consider them for our ever growing and, hopefully soon to be expanding library. Please stop by and visit the library, it might surprise you to see what we have to offer!

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees,

Susan Turnbull
Lisa Lajoie
Dawn Thistle

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

The only change since last year's report is the make up of the Committee. Clayton Rice was appointed to be the selectman representative, joining Susan Turnbull and Ralph Dwelly.

The Town has yet to receive Library Renovation/Construction Money from the State of Massachusetts, despite the time and effort put toward the cause by Senator Brewer and Representative Tuttle. At the last moment of July 1998, Representative Tuttle called from the floor of the Joint Session of the Legislature to say that it was not to be in 1999.

However, our hopes are very high this year, as the legislature is working on the State's fiscal 2000 budget. The House of Representatives has approved a budget containing sufficient money to fund the remaining library construction projects, of which we are #12 of 22. The Senate version has passed, but, since it is different from the House version, the entire package is now off at Conference Committee to have the differences worked out. It is the feeling of the State Board of Library Commissioners that it will pass this time, and be immediately funded.

Until the money comes from the State, there is really not much that can actually be done except plan and wait. Nevertheless, the Library Study Committee kept busy meeting nearly monthly.

The Committee counted its money from various sources: the State, appropriation from the Town, money from the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc., money saved since 1995 from the State Incentive Grant to Libraries and determined what money in the Library Trust Fund was free to be spent. The Committee met with the Finance Committee regarding further money that would be needed.

The septic system issue has been thoroughly discussed with the Board of Health. The Committee has several quotes for design services for a new septic system at the Library. However, without an actual percolation test, this can not go any further. It is the position of the Library Board of Trustees not to go there until the project is ready to proceed.

There have been several discussions with the Board of Selectmen regarding how to proceed with this project. These are about making sure that someone, the architect or contractor, be ultimately responsible for the entire project to safeguard the Town's interests.

The Committee has identified items in the Library basement that will need to be stored in a secure location during construction. These items include shelving, original glass light globes, the Town's Weights and Measures Cupboard and storage of some books. The large safe in the basement will need to be removed.

The Committee has plotted a course for the project: including the septic system, sidewalks, on-site parking, building skirting and grading. The stairs that started the entire thing off, are considered part of the building as they are the ceiling to a section of the basement and will be repaired along with the terra cotta entry tiles and the stones in the arch. The marble foyer will be leveled and strengthened.

The architect, Maximillian Ferro, of the Preservation Partnership, has a good track record with these building projects and has been within budget, or below budget on all four projects that he has done as part of this funding round. Currently he has his fifth library under construction in Oxford.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton Rice
Ralph Dwelly
Susan Turnbull.

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation committee carried out many activities during the Fiscal Year 1999.

In July, swimming lessons were held at Coldborok Country Club with 50 children attending. The classes were taught by swim instructor Jessica Goodfield. Fun in the Sun activities were also held in July attended by children of all ages. Entertainment was provided by Trevor the Games Man and Pumpernickel Puppets (both of whom were funded by arts council grants).

We offered a Pumpkin decorating contest on the common, to start off our Halloween celebration. On Halloween night the children marched in a parade, escorted by the Oakham Fire Dept., and Oakham Police Dept., from the Town Hall to the center school. They were greeted by a hillside of Jack-O-Lanterns. A costume party was held at the school.

Our 8th annual Holiday House-decorating contest was held in December. Prizes were delivered to the winners.

On Memorial Day a large group of children and parents traveled to the town cemeteries; on a bus donated by McCarthy Bus Co., to place flags to mark our veterans graves. The Oakham Fire Dept., escorted us to the cemeteries. Taps were played at the cemeteries by Britta Carpenter and Liz Johnson. Quabbin Regional High School band and ROTC participated in this year's parade along with several antique cars with our veterans. Our guest speaker was David Tuttle.

In May 50 children attended the fishing derby, held at Pine Acres Campground. After all of the fish were caught and measured prizes were awarded and a family cookout was held.

We closed out our year in June with the 9th Annual OLD TYME YANKEE FAIR. Activities started Friday night with the block party. At the party was a classic car show and music provided by "The Otters" (funded by arts council). Saturday's activities included a parade, volleyball tournament, horseshoes, doll and bike parade, dog and rabbit shows, rides and amusements, a talent show, and entertainers concluded the night with music and a bon fire.

The Parks and Recreation committee would like to extend special thanks to the OFD, OPD, OYS, PAC, the Lions Club and all other town organizations clubs and citizens for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Apholt
Christine Mardirosian
Carrie McCaffrey
Judy McCaffrey
Christine Toomey
Timothy Toomey

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

A total of ten (10) gas and seventeen (17) plumbing permits were issued from July 1, 1998 to July 1, 1999. Fees paid for these permits totaled \$540.00

Respectfully submitted,

Byron A. Carpenter
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

During Fiscal 1999 several diseased or dead trees were removed. Many of these removals were performed by Massachusetts Electric tree crews at no cost to the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wesley H. Dwelly

REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

The Department of Veterans' Services manage and oversees a municipal benefit, entitlement program. This program is administered by Veterans' Director Agents in every city, town or district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This program provides for emergency financial assistance for food, clothing, shelter, health, and medical benefits to eligible wartime veterans and their dependents. We believe any veteran who paid the ultimate price, should never be forgotten.

As a member of the American Legion, AMVETS, Worcester County Vietnam Vets and Canadian Vietnam Veterans Quebec, helps me to know what veterans need. About 5,500 veterans and dependents are being aided in 1998 and 1999. Remember, rules and laws are changing and being updated every year.

This will be my last report, as I am retiring from this position. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard W. Hardy, Jr.
US AF Vietnam Vet 1958-1963 S.A.C.

REPORT OF THE WIRING INPSECTOR

In the past year, a total of 48 wiring permits to do electrical work were taken out in Oakham. The breakdown is as follows:

New Houses	13	Additions	10	Boiler/Heating System	4
New Services	8	Temporary Services	4	Alarm Systems	<u>1</u>
Misc./Repair Work	6	Swimming Pools	2	Total Permits:	48

Total number of inspections 89

Respectfully submitted,

Denis delaGorgendiere

REPORT OF THE ZONING APPEALS BOARD

On March 8, 1999 the members of the ZBA were informed that a decision had been handed down by the Land Court regarding the appeal of one of our cases. Judgment was entered in favor of the ZBA and the complaint dismissed. We understand, however, that this court decision is being appealed at a higher level.

The Board also received two requests for variances and conducted the appropriate public hearing. Since there were no objections voiced to either request, both variances were granted.

The members of the Zoning Board submitted two by-law proposals to the Board of Selectmen. These proposals were forwarded to the Planning Board and we are awaiting the next step in this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Tessnau, Chairman
Roy Spinney, Vice Chairman
Gunter Mueller, Clerk
Carol Spinney, alternate

THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Year	Event	Year	Event
1630	Founding of the city	1692	Execution of the Quakers
1634	First church organized	1703	First fire
1639	First school	1711	First hospital
1643	First meeting-house	1720	First bridge
1658	First prison	1730	First library
1676	First court-house	1740	First university
1688	First theatre	1750	First bank
1696	First newspaper	1760	First bank
1700	First fire	1770	First bank
1703	First fire	1780	First bank
1711	First hospital	1790	First bank
1720	First bridge	1800	First bank
1730	First library	1810	First bank
1740	First university	1820	First bank
1750	First bank	1830	First bank
1760	First bank	1840	First bank
1770	First bank	1850	First bank
1780	First bank	1860	First bank
1790	First bank	1870	First bank
1800	First bank	1880	First bank
1810	First bank	1890	First bank
1820	First bank	1900	First bank
1830	First bank	1910	First bank
1840	First bank	1920	First bank
1850	First bank	1930	First bank
1860	First bank	1940	First bank
1870	First bank	1950	First bank
1880	First bank	1960	First bank
1890	First bank	1970	First bank
1900	First bank	1980	First bank
1910	First bank	1990	First bank
1920	First bank	2000	First bank
1930	First bank	2010	First bank
1940	First bank	2020	First bank
1950	First bank	2030	First bank
1960	First bank	2040	First bank
1970	First bank	2050	First bank
1980	First bank	2060	First bank
1990	First bank	2070	First bank
2000	First bank	2080	First bank
2010	First bank	2090	First bank
2020	First bank	2100	First bank

The history of the city of Boston is a long and varied one, with many interesting events and people. The city was founded in 1630 and has since grown into one of the largest and most important cities in the United States. It has been the site of many important events, including the American Revolution and the Civil War. The city has also been the home of many famous people, including John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. The history of the city is a testament to the resilience and spirit of its people.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

QUABBIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

ANNUAL RATE OF REGULAR COMPENSATION

THE QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

1998 – 1999 was another productive and successful year for the Quabbin Regional School Committee. There are a number accomplishments achieved that are of particular importance. These include:

- ✦ Reorganized the administrative structure in the middle and high school in order to achieve a stronger commitment to leadership, curriculum and discipline,,
- ✦ Increased the operating budgets of all schools to provide additional teachers, capital improvements, instructional materials and funds for special education to improve the overall quality of educations,
- ✦ Revised the Substance Abuse and Drug Policy using feedback from concerned students and parents, school administrators and law enforcement to discourage and reduce the incidence of drug use, and
- ✦ Supported the administration and analyses of the MCAS statewide testing to identify opportunities and to ensure our students are adequately prepared for future testing. The students in Oakham are to be congratulated for their strong performance in the MCAS testing.

These efforts in conjunction with an aggressive agenda for 1999-2000 will build upon and improve the quality of education within our district. Your Oakham School Committee members look forward to your continued feedback and support. Together, we will strive to meet the mission of our district in providing our students with the best education to succeed in today's dynamic, technology-driven and competitive environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Caron A. Coakley
Dr. Thomas A Tashjian

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Barre • Hardwick • Hubbardston • New Braintree • Oakham

ADMINISTRATION

Maureen M. Marshall, Superintendent of Schools
Donald F. Raffier, Director of Administrative Services
R. Cherie Majoy, D.Ed., Director of Special Services

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

Duncan Stewart, Principal

QUABBIN REGIONAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Joseph Maga, High School Dean of Administration & Management
Susanne Musnicki, Middle School Dean of Administration & Management

1999 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Richard Allan	Barre
Caron Coakley	Oakham
Fran Gromelski	Barre
Pam Hinckley	Hardwick
Barbara Hubbard	Hubbardston
Edward Leonard	Hubbardston
James Mazik	Hardwick
Daniel O'Brien	Barre
George Richardson	Barre
Vincent Ritchie	Hubbardston
Gordon Smith	Barre
Dr. Thomas Tashjian	Oakham
Peggy Thompson	New Braintree
Cheryl Wolfe	Hardwick

1999 SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chair, Edward Leonard
Vice-chair, George Richardson
Executive Secretary, Reneé Markiewicz
Treasurer, David Johnson
Parliamentarian, Maureen Marshall

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 1998-1999

Highlighting the activities of 1999 for the Quabbin Regional School District is both rewarding and difficult. Such a task is rewarding because it provides an opportunity to reflect upon the many and significant individual and collective accomplishments of both students and staff. Yet, it too is a difficult process because it challenges us to "see" the year as a finite period in which events begin and end. Such a view is like a photograph capturing only a small part of a continual process of improvement, challenge and change. Thus, many of the highlights noted herein are but an acknowledgement of significant and on-going projects that continue year-to-year.

The final year of the 21st century found the district responding to many complex issues. Specifically, the schools faced the challenges of state mandated educational reform requirements, a rapidly expanding global economy and an America with a more diverse population where children continue to be stressed and victimized by serious economic and social factors influencing the family unit. Meeting these challenges necessitated curricular changes and the increase of support staff to address better the social needs of children. Additionally, we, like other schools within the Commonwealth, worked to respond to educational mandates and student needs and issues related to school safety. Addressing these matters, not unlike previous years, consumed much time and energy. The District is very grateful for the assistance of the local police and fire department personnel who worked with us to ensure the establishment of appropriate school safety plans throughout the District.

During 1999 the Quabbin Regional School District worked with students teachers and parents to implement educational changes mandated by Educational Reform Legislation. Such reform efforts required **substantive** modifications in the educational delivery program for students at all grade levels. Some modifications included changes in both the structure and

scheduling of the school day. Other state reform measures necessitated restructuring the curriculum offered to students.

Obviously, modifying the “what” and “how” of Quabbin’s educational programs have been an exciting and at times overwhelming task. However, the staff and student body have continued to work hard to meet and exceed the goal of “higher” standards for all students. Such is indeed the basis for educational reform. All of our students must be ready, not only to accept a role in, but also to flourish in the global workplace. Our goal is to leave no student behind in our effort to “raise the bar” for all in Quabbin’s classrooms.

While educational reform hopes to provide students with a greater number of high quality educational opportunities, it also serves as a significant challenge for those of us who teach in and/or administer the public’s schools. We are charged with a most (maybe the most) important task...educating children so that they may grow to be competent and productive citizens. This is an awesome responsibility that requires the school staff to promote life long learning activities for both themselves and the community at large. This promotional work was well underway in 1999 within the Quabbin Regional School District. Teachers and administrative staff developed and participated in a wide variety of professional development activities. Specifically, the district served as a satellite campus for Clark University. Clark offered a series of graduate level courses for both local and area public school personnel. In addition, the Quabbin Regional School District offered an extensive educational program for staff that provided a wide variety of educational activities designed to improve the quality of school programs. At this writing the district is exploring the availability and potential significance of distance learning options for both staff and students. Happily, state school reform efforts have forced schools to place more emphasis on creating a **full** community of learners.

As well as continuing during the year to focus on the district’s essential mission...education, the district initiated efforts to complete a comprehensive, district wide demographic study. This study will provide the district with a ten-year “**look**” at school-aged population projections for the

five member communities. Final information from the study will assist town officials and school committee members in determining potential school building needs. The results of this study will be available to the district sometime during the spring of 2000.

In other matters the district school committee developed a plan to expand "central" purchasing practices throughout the district. Early efforts to pursue this course of action have been stymied by the lack of adequate **central** storage space for items that might need to be purchased in large quantity. Therefore, the district committee has initiated an investigation of how best to address such storage needs. The results of this investigation will be the substance of discussion during the early months of 2000.

As is always the case when one attempts to highlight the events of the year, it is impossible to note everything that has been of significance. Yet, perhaps most significant to those of us who work and learn in the Quabbin Regional School District is the continued economic and moral support of the five member communities that comprise this school district. For this support we are extremely grateful and trust that the care and concern we have for the children we teach will continue to be a great source of community pride.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen M. Marshall
Superintendent of Schools

Quabbin Regional High School Dean of Administration & Management's Report

In the fall of 1998 Quabbin Regional High School opened in the new/renovated facility on a single session schedule for the second straight year. Because of anticipated enrollment increases several new teachers were hired. The new members of the high school staff included Ryan Sullivan, teacher of social studies; Aaron Berthiaume, teacher of English; Brent Bolger, teacher of technology; Rebecca Bottomley, teacher of conservation and horticulture. Laurie Frazier transferred from teaching in the middle school to high school science.

A good portion of the 1997-1998 school year was dedicated to finding the best use of all areas of the facility. Proper planning insured a smooth opening for the 1998-1999 school year with additional staff members and added course offerings. A special thank you goes to Sue Musnicki, Ted Gumula, Cathy Scanlan and Martha Femino for all of their efforts in this regard.

High School teachers with individual department chairpersons continued to implement the state curriculum frameworks in their respective areas. Revisions to specific units of study to incorporate aspects of curriculum frameworks continued. As well, staff members worked diligently to prepare students for MCAS testing in the spring.

The following activities are worthy of note:

- The annual Poetry Conference, organized by English teacher Jim Beschta, was held at Coldbrook Country Club. The oldest conference of its kind in the Commonwealth welcomed approximately 100 poets from fifteen schools in Central Massachusetts.

- The Quabbin Regional High School Envirothon Team under the direction of Rebecca Bottomley and Laurie Frazier had a fine showing in the annual competition at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts.
- A profile of the 159 graduates of the Class of 1999 reveals a membership which includes 1% entering the military; 16% entering the work force; 2% foreign exchange students. It is also worth noting that 81% of the members of the Class of 1999 will continue their education with the assistance of 279 scholarships valued at \$513,356 the first year and \$1,162,322 over a four year period.
- Students in grades nine through eleven who received academic and achievement awards were honored in June at a breakfast attended by staff and family members.
- Quabbin Regional High School hosted a Non-Users Conference, which was attended by one hundred high school students from the surrounding area. The purpose of the conference was to build support for students who choose not to use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Barbara Conti, Director of Pupil Personnel Services organized the program.
- Quabbin students continue to excel in the areas of art, music, drama and sports. Quabbin Regional High School was once again well represented in the Boston Globe-Scholastic Art Awards. The musical "Grease" was presented by Quabbin students under the direction of Quabbin Pro-Musica. Student performances were superb!

The 1998-1999 school year has been an exciting one for all of us at Quabbin Regional High School. We continue to appreciate the efforts of the citizens of the Quabbin communities for providing us with a modern, well-equipped facility, which will help us to meet the challenges of educating students for the twenty-first century. We are most grateful for all of your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph F. Maga, Dean of Administration and Management

Quabbin Regional Middle School

Dean of Administration & Management's Report

1998-1999

Because of the increased enrollments at the Middle School, we were pleased to add the position of Dean of Academic Affairs. Martha Femino, former Quabbin Middle School social studies teacher, is filling this position. Alignment of the Middle School curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks will be a major emphasis of this position.

To welcome students and parents to the Middle School, orientation nights were held for seventh grade on Monday, August 31, and for eighth grade on Tuesday, September 1. Student schedules were distributed and a mock schedule was followed so that parents and students could meet teachers and learn classroom expectations.

On Tuesday, September 1, we welcomed 252 seventh graders. Wednesday, September 2, saw the arrival of 283 eighth graders.

In November, two teams were sent to Springfield for a Scrabble Competition. Congratulations to Renee Beauregard and Sylvia Cini who placed third and Jennifer Goscola and Claire Usher who placed thirteenth in the 1998 Massachusetts School Scrabble Competition. Thanks to Erin Stevens, their coach.

The Middle School has expanded its community involvement through "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" and donations to local food banks.

Eighth grade field trips included a trip to the World Trade Center in Boston to view the Titanic Artifact Exhibition, Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Connecticut, and the Boston Science Museum. During the week of June 1, 234 students and 31 chaperones traveled to Washington, D.C. Their trip included the Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, and a night bus tour of Washington, D.C. On the return trip to Quabbin, the buses stopped in Baltimore, Maryland, for a boat trip of Baltimore Harbor and Fort McHenry.

Seventh grade special events included a December trip to Symphony Hall in Springfield to attend the Chamber Repertory Theatre production of five classic short stories that had been read and studied in English classes. June 10 saw an all day field trip to Boston that included the Duck Tours. May 27 was the date for a Greek Olympics overnight. Among the activities in which students participated were sports events under the lights on Alumni Field and a Greek dance performed by the Hellenic Dance Ensemble.

The week of May 17 saw the beginning of testing in the Middle School. Seventh grade students took the Iowa tests. The eighth grade continued the statewide MCAS testing which had begun with the English Composition given on April 27. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Femino, Dean of Academic Affairs, students and teachers were well prepared for this rigorous task.

May 26 saw the induction of fifty-nine students into the National Junior Honor Society. These students met the qualifications of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Our interscholastic sports teams participated in three highly successful seasons. The teams included boys and girls soccer, field hockey, cross country, cheerleading, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, and track.

The Middle School music program has continued to grow. Since the December concert was overcrowded, and students were unable to watch their peers perform, it was decided that the groups would be split, and two spring concerts were held. Central District Music Festival was held in May. Seventeen band members and three chorus members from Quabbin were chosen to participate.

May and June saw numerous awards and honors programs. The Honors Breakfast, prepared and served by staff, honors students who achieved honor roll status for three marking terms and their parents. The grade eight academic awards night, held on June 9, saw 219 students receiving awards. On June 17, 187 seventh graders received similar awards. June 22 was the graduation program marking the passage of students from grade 8 to grade 9.

We appreciate the support that has been given to our students and staff by the Quabbin Regional School District community.

Respectfully submitted,
Susanne R. Musnicki, Dean of Administration and Management

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
1998-99 SCHOOL YEAR

September of 1998 found us opening School with Mrs. Susan Stockwell returning as teacher of grade one after a one year's leave of absence. Mrs. Dena Hengst filled in as our Art Teacher until Mrs. Gordon returned from maternity leave. Mid-way through the year Ms. Leslie Stewart joined the Pre-School staff as Mrs. Browne went on maternity leave. Upon Mrs. Browne's return Ms. Stewart moved to the Integrated Kindergarten where she replaced Mrs. Dowgielewicz who also left on maternity leave. It was a rather busy "baby" year! The final staff change of the year occurred in April when our Office Manager of fourteen years, Mrs. Denise Fiske, left O.C.S. to become the Nurse's Assistant at Ruggles Lane School in Barre. We were fortunate, when in early May we were able to hire Mrs. Mary Amidio as our new Office Manager.

There were no major curriculum changes this year as we continued to refine our existing materials/practices. The results of our first MCAS grade four test were encouraging, finding Oakham Center School in the top six Central Massachusetts schools. Science proved to be an especially strong area with O.C.S. scoring among the top schools in the state.

Among the notable happenings of the year were:

- Under the direction of Mr. Robert Pereira, Instrumental Music, Ms. Heidi Renauld, Vocal Music, and Ms. Susan Kirchhausen, Strings, the overall music program of the School continued to grow. Special activities of the program included two concerts and the band and chorus traveling to Manchester, New Hampshire in early May to compete in a one day musical competition. The band earned a "Gold Medal" for their performance.
- Sponsored by the Oakham Police Department 40 sixth grade students successfully completed the DARE program. Once again our DARE Officer was Sargent David Hasldorff.
- Our 5th & 6th Grade students continued to be involved in several unique activities:
 - A student run Student Council.
 - Serving meals at the Elderly meal site every Thursday.
 - Compiling and publishing a K-6 Memory Book.

As always, the primary focus of the Oakham Center School was upon helping students strive for excellence. The 1998-99 event-filled School year culminated in the graduation from grade six of 40 young men and women. As they prepare to move on to middle School, we are confident that the Oakham Center School has provided them with a solid foundation for the future ahead.

We look forward to the 1999/00 School year and the educational challenges that await us. Staff and students thank the community for the continued support given to us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duncan L. Stewart

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL RATE OF REGULAR COMPENSATION,
1999

Adams, Cheryl	\$56,657
Afonso, Nancy	\$32,215
Amidio, Mary	\$13,368
Anderson, Margaret	\$19,198
Anderson, Maureen	\$40,513
Anderson, Patricia	\$48,973
Appleton, Jane	\$50,892
Arnold, Lucinda	\$37,512
Aronson, David	\$23,420
Audette, Bernard	\$34,815
Balser, Melanie	\$12,889
Barnes, Clare	\$15,121
Bart-Raber, Kerry	\$35,538
Bastarache, James	\$ 9,938
Beaudet, Kristine	\$17,472
Beaudry, Danielle	\$40,036
Beauregard, Lisa	\$37,687
Bechan, Helen	\$18,112
Benouski, A. Doreen	\$48,795
Bernard, Robin	\$ 5,649
Berthiaume, Aaron	\$35,594
Berthiaume, Gail	\$26,780
Berthiaume, Valerie	\$14,835
Beschta, James	\$51,305
Beschta, Mary	\$47,231
Bettez, Ernest	\$47,809
Bohigian, Eileen	\$49,568
Boilard, Roger	\$52,114
Boissy, Gail	\$ 9,468
Bolger, Brent	\$34,478
Bolger, Sandra	\$34,603
Boronski, Chester	\$48,926

Bottomley, Rebecca	\$35,476
Bourgeois, Nancy	\$55,240
Brandon, Catherine	\$61,423
Bray, Elecia	\$25,342
Bray, Marsha	\$49,818
Bray, Richard	\$ 7,800
Brearley, Deborah	\$26,698
Brennan, Janie	\$12,932
Brewer, Christine	\$35,442
Briand, Ann Marie	\$14,090
Briand, Constance	\$15,532
Bristol, Christine	\$49,568
Brooker, Virginia	\$38,037
Brown, Theodore	\$54,897
Browne, Kim	\$42,099
Bryant, Jacqueline	\$56,222
Buck, Gaylene	\$13,428
Burnett, William	\$45,174
Jane Capurso	\$39,361
Carey, Kyle	\$51,017
Carlin, Albert	\$56,165
Carpenter, Mark	\$27,129
Castriotta, Matthew	\$47,402
Castriotta, Wendy	\$33,293
Celona, Richard	\$19,721
Chapman, Suann	\$33,948
Chiasson, Linda	\$51,126
Ciavola, Ellen	\$ 2,450
Cilley, Paul	\$56,870
Cirelli, John	\$10,332
Cirelli, Kathleen	\$12,134
Clough, Barbara	\$24,975
Colby, Beverly	\$39,180
Collins, Joanne	\$49,153
Comiskey, Thomas	\$50,443
Como, Mary	\$34,817

Comptois, Claire	\$ 7,652
Connor, Carol	\$13,394
Consolmagno, Teresa	\$16,419
Conti, Barbara	\$48,447
Coons, Kristen	\$46,377
Coppolino, Peter	\$28,066
Cranston, Patricia	\$30,570
Crawford, Barbara	\$13,291
Crawford, Eileen	\$ 8,127
Creeden, Cheryl	\$49,670
Cresto, Glenda	\$36,682
Crevier, Angelique	\$ 1,194
Cure, Sonia	\$54,958
Curtain, Rosanne	\$ 6,128
Cushing, Helen	\$36,344
Dahart, Harold	\$26,894
Dalve, John	\$48,323
Dauwalter, Robin	\$49,856
Daviau, Christine	\$50,892
Deacetis, Sandra	\$10,572
Derr, Cheryl	\$37,338
Deschamps, David	\$51,864
Desilets Kathleen	\$12,810
Desilets, Richard	\$25,294
Devine, Gregory	\$45,860
Dextradeur, Dennis	\$54,003
Dickson, Pamela	\$37,886
Dietrich, Barbara	\$29,741
Dignan, Kenneth	\$47,447
DiMartino, Michele	\$49,301
Dodge, Paula	\$12,534
Dolan, Charlotte	\$17,203
Dorval, Julie	\$ 6,730
Dougal, Mary Ann	\$50,892
Dowgielewicz, Jill	\$34,685
Doyle, Kimberly	\$39,847

Ducharme, Denise	\$54,471
Dufort, Raymond	\$14,029
Duhamel, Joseph	\$53,842
Dupill, Patricia	\$14,916
Durepo, Heidi	\$21,217
Dwelly, Phyllis	\$39,791
Ellis, Karen	\$46,400
Enos, Evelyn	\$12,449
Ericson, Candace	\$14,261
Farrell, Matthew	\$37,294
Fay, Cheryl	\$14,679
Femino, Martha	\$57,938
Ferguson, Susan	\$35,542
Fiske, Denise	\$17,437
Flagg, Susan	\$35,667
Fletcher, Beverly	\$ 5,265
Foley, Janet	\$48,385
Foss, Danja	\$24,552
Franklin, Kellee	\$27,551
Frazier, Laurie	\$34,123
Fritscher, Gerald	\$33,237
Fritscher, John	\$29,324
Frost, Arthur	\$18,507
Frost, Margaret	\$54,471
Frost, Marilyn	\$51,299
Gagne, Rita	\$ 3,421
Galat, Janice	\$31,334
Gancorz, Carol	\$49,818
Gareau, Charlotte	\$36,069
Gartner, Victor	\$52,312
George, Elizabeth	\$35,514
George, Sybil	\$17,889
Glodas, Claudia	\$50,481
Goetz, Gregory	\$26,156
Gordon, Kelly	\$13,127
Gordon, Peter	\$23,352

Grandone, Roberta	\$45,711
Groner, Michael	\$11,068
Groves, Pricilla	\$24,006
Guertin, Frank	\$65,313
Guilbault, Laura	\$ 7,671
Gumula, Thaddeus	\$57,851
Gumula, Virginia	\$43,254
Gunnarson, Russell	\$14,669
Haddad, Gita	\$49,568
Haley, Christopher	\$38,985
Hall, Elaine	\$51,545
Hall, Michelle	\$33,094
Hall, Wallace	\$39,945
Hanson, Donna	\$25,971
Harding, Linda	\$27,112
Harrold, Daniel	\$45,942
Hastings, Virginia	\$53,647
Havalotti, Phyllis	\$16,276
Hebert, Jeanne	\$23,047
Hermansky, Virginia	\$ 8,930
Hill-Niambele, Stacey	\$39,797
Hillman, Karen	\$34,190
Holmes, Catherine	\$ 3,438
Holwell, Kathleen	\$48,811
Horrigan, Nancy	\$37,683
Houghton, Susanne	\$10,440
Howard, Ashley	\$48,866
Howard, Ethel	\$21,834
Howard, Patricia	\$50,672
Huard, Jennifer	\$40,006
Huard, Steven	\$33,967
Hubbard, Donna	\$49,643
Hudec-Surette, Barbara	42,3088
Hurley, Richard	\$48,704
Ikonen, Robyn	\$34,786
Inman, Kathlyn	\$37,937

Inzerillo, Sandra	\$ 5,768
Irwin, Richard	\$27,877
Johnson, David	\$ 8,612
Johnson, Kathleen	\$49,921
Johnson, Naida	\$57,986
Johnson-Correia, Cathy	\$11,480
Jones, Nancy	\$52,214
Jordan, Mary Ann	\$32,021
Kallio, Carol	\$16,216
Kane, Kevin	\$55,255
Kielinen, Donna	\$37,266
Killough-Miller, Russell	\$43,254
Kirchhausen, Susan	\$33,672
Kmiec, Gladys	\$15,411
Knittle, Robert	\$53,804
Koerner, Andrew	\$42,056
Kolesnik, Robert	\$18,189
Konde, Beverly	\$45,720
Korzec, Patricia	\$ 5,198
Kovach, Cynthia	\$27,178
Kowal, Patricia	\$ 3,933
Kozlowski, John	\$59,808
Kozlowski, Kara	\$33,696
Kularski, Ellen	\$24,307
LaCroix, Sandra	\$35,021
Lakso, Patricia	\$36,168
Lam, Nicolette	\$16,143
LaMarche, Marrion	\$ 7,692
LaMontagne, Phyllis	\$18,345
LaMontagne, Roger	\$ 4,631
Lapati, Dona	\$49,568
LaPerle, Lu-Ann	\$ 7,331
LaPerle, Michael	\$13,397
LaRose, Susan	\$39,430
LeBlanc, Nancy	\$46,766
Lechowicz, James	\$31,238

Leroux, Andrea	\$13,629
Lindsay, Susan	\$34,301
Lohr, Darcy	\$14,263
Lorge, Barbara	\$53,558
Lucchesi, Crystal	\$16,273
Lussier, Priscilla	\$51,317
Luukko, Nancy	\$51,864
Maga, Joseph	\$65,191
Magnino, John	\$54,468
Magnino, Leilani	\$ 4,884
Majoy, Brian	\$36,519
Majoy, Rosanne	\$67,419
Mammone, Diane	\$32,095
Mankowsky, Julie	\$50,842
Marderosian, John-Joseph	\$11,397
Markavage, Diana	\$ 3,663
Markiewicz, Reneé	\$38,771
Marsden, Dawn	\$ 2,573
Marshall, Joseph	\$27,189
Marshall, Margaret	\$48,855
Marshall, Maureen	\$102,111
Martel, Robert	\$51,937
Maruca, Christine	\$12,738
Mascroft, Shirley	\$15,658
Mathis, Susan	\$33,910
McCaffrey, L. Thomas	\$45,503
McCarthy, Kathleen	\$15,102
McCarthy, Matthew	\$28,710
McCormack, Mary	\$33,710
McDonald, Sherry	\$13,811
McDonald, Tracey	\$41,274
McLaughlin, Cherryll	\$18,883
McNamara, Josephine	\$ 9,084
McNiff, Paul	\$49,230
Medeiros, Carla	\$ 3,905
Melanson, David	\$56,340

Melanson, Karen	\$53,396
Mennard, Sylvia	\$17,024
Mertzic, Linda	\$12,870
Metterville, Elizabeth	\$10,104
Miller, Bernice	\$18,019
Miller, Karen	\$33,467
Mirable, Kathleen	\$13,836
Moebus, Gary	\$39,916
Morello, Paul	\$48,833
Morreale, Cathryn	\$40,444
Morris, Rebecca	\$45,487
Morrison, Deborah	\$15,020
Morrison, Linda	\$11,811
Muir, Betty	\$47,447
Muir, Sheila	\$40,798
Murray, Catherine	\$33,521
Musnicki, Susanne	\$61,768
Nason, Denise	\$34,209
Newton, Edward	\$34,701
Nichols, Carolyn	\$48,355
Nichols, Ida	\$14,983
Nichols, Sandra	\$53,616
Noble, Gail	\$10,549
Noel, Robert	\$30,504
O'Connor, Jean	\$16,029
O'Donnell, Linda	\$48,605
O'Donnell, Paul	\$27,730
Ohman, Margaret	\$15,593
Olson, Bethany	\$37,766
Omlanowicz, Dorothy	\$52,614
Ortolino, Shannon	\$31,000
Osborn, Bette	\$50,642
Pacheco, Rebecca	\$18,939
Paradis, Janet	\$41,537
Parker, Kathleen	\$ 5,723
Parsons, Bettyanne	\$33,521

Pascale, Helene	\$46,173
Patterson, Camille	\$25,268
Patterson, Frank	\$30,857
Paula, Joan	\$68,182
Paula, Richard	\$54,639
Peabody, David	\$27,169
Pearsall, Carol	\$26,154
Peltier, Joan	\$16,541
Pereira, Robert	\$50,220
Perkins, Donna	\$11,013
Perreault, Marie	\$14,835
Peterson, Karla	\$47,197
Petty, Linda	\$43,015
Phaneuf, Melissa	\$13,903
Phelan, Helen	\$13,648
Phelps, Randall	\$24,810
Piermarini, Sue	\$31,762
Piper, Wilhelmina	\$54,496
Pitisci, Nancy	\$19,492
Pitisci, Ronald	\$29,307
Plumb, Sandra	\$51,957
Poirier, Helen	\$50,642
Pope, Colleen	\$ 8,578
Powiliatis, Denise	\$ 6,766
Pyle, Charles	\$49,006
Quido, Joyce	\$13,268
Quinlan, Mary	\$18,878
Raffier, Donald	\$91,179
Ratte, Kathleen	\$19,504
Ratte, Patricia	\$22,977
Redmond, Lisa	\$ 5,552
Reed, Florence J.	\$15,647
Reilly, Patrick	\$35,293
Remelius, Fae E.	\$54,872
Renauld, Heidi	\$22,866
Renner, Patricia	\$29,510

Ricciardi, Christine	\$14,875
Rice, Linda	\$14,252
Richards, Alice	\$49,003
Rickan, Shawn	\$40,839
Robidoux, Elizabeth	\$10,347
Robinson, Bonnie	\$14,879
Robinson, Kathy	\$ 1,719
Rogowski, Jean	\$13,836
Rogowski, Linda	\$13,836
Rosbury, Nancy	\$50,642
Rotti, Janice	\$12,875
Rousseau, Julie	\$24,873
Roy, Shirley	\$10,820
Rucki, Diana	\$45,201
Ruggles, Kellie	\$34,163
Ryding, Carol	\$18,878
Sacramone, Jason	\$32,547
Salvadore, Laurie	\$49,818
Sampson, Kirk	\$ 5,818
Sampson, Phyllis	\$27,163
Sarabia, Marcelino	\$55,531
Savard, Linda	\$46,812
Sawyer, Winslow	\$55,873
Sayre, Patricia	\$46,400
Scanlan, Cathleen	\$60,060
Schiller, Matthew	\$ 9,291
Schoolcraft, Mary	\$13,986
Serra, Christine	\$ 4,098
Shanks, Deborah	\$13,836
Shaulis, James	\$13,800
Sheldon, Arthur	\$41,443
Sicard, Christina	\$31,579
Skowyra, Patricia	\$32,835
Skrzypczak, Ann	\$53,062
Snyder, Betty	\$54,471
Sotto, Gilda	\$10,662

Sousa, Carol	\$53,776
Spencer, Linda	\$50,573
Spooner, John	\$45,650
Springer, Mary	\$11,168
Staiti, Kim	\$17,403
Stekl, Nancy	\$39,031
Stevens, Erin	\$37,466
Stewart, Duncan	\$64,122
Stewart, Leslie	\$15,629
Stickle, Richard	\$53,679
St. Jean, Jan	\$40,006
Stockwell, Susan	\$44,179
Stolz, Patricia	\$16,735
Stuart, Debra	\$48,209
Sullivan, Jeannette	\$18,611
Sullivan, John	\$66,941
Sullivan, Ryan	\$21,098
Szafarowicz, Patricia	\$35,442
Tancrell, Christine	\$42,719
Terrien, Deborah	\$48,973
Toomey, Christine	\$12,506
Turcotte, Jane	\$44,679
Turcotte, Raymond	\$56,515
Twarog, Susan	\$54,220
Vaillancourt, Sasha	\$32,317
Valardi, Frances	\$11,149
Valardi, Edward Jr.	\$24,912
Valardi, Edward Sr.	\$24,112
VanWert, Kathleen	\$16,507
Varin, Kerry	\$44,486
Varnot, Martha	\$32,001
Verheyen, Dorothy	\$44,679
Verratti, Kathleen	\$18,419
Waite, Clarissa	\$42,751
Ward, Gary	\$13,333
Wassel, Frederick	\$55,733

Webster, Sumner	\$53,992
Wheeler, James	\$36,649
Wheeler, Lisa	\$13,910
White, Kristin	\$26,235
Whitmore, Carol	\$54,471
Widing, Maureen	\$48,246
Williams, Janeth	\$42,812
Williams, Joann	\$13,635
Williams, Martha	\$18,913
Wilson, Mary	\$ 8,571
Winslow, Laurie	\$12,738
Wisnewski, Brenda	\$17,098
Witaszek, Alice	\$39,705
Worthington, Patricia	\$48,962
Wright, Kimberly	\$36,734
Wrobel, Gail	\$37,651
Wrobel, Linda	\$51,325
Wypych Joann	\$ 8,844
Young, Brian	\$46,206
Youngs, Carol	\$58,293
Zalneraitis, Barbara	\$12,971
Zalneraitis, Richard	\$43,518
Zola, Jean	\$48,973

FINANCIAL REPORTS

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TREASURER

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors continued their inspections of properties and updating of records throughout town. The Board began preparing for a state mandated recertification of property values for Fiscal Year 1999. This is an important process which occurs every three years, and involves representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's Boston, Worcester, and Springfield offices. The Board also addressed the "Y2K" issue. As a member of the Consortium for CAMA, the state's "computer assisted mass appraisal system", our software is being updated. We have also begun to install upgrades to our system. A new "Windows" based software package is undergoing extended testing and is expected to be installed during 1999.

There have been no changes in Board membership over the past year. Kathleen Usher has been on the Board for 11 years and Working Assessor for 6 years, Herman Spinney for a total of 10 years, and Tabitha Tashjian, since 1996.

THE TOWN OF OAKHAM RECAPITULATION OF TAX RATE FISCAL 1998

APPROPRIATIONS

Raise & Appropriate	\$1,482,206.00
Free Cash	\$44,970.00
Other Funds	\$60,450.00
Other	\$44,719.00
Total to be Raised	\$1,632,345.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Cherry Sheets (net)	\$203,135.00
Local	\$215,000.00
Other	\$105,420.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$523,555.00

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED \$1,108,790.00

LEVY AND PERCENTAGES BY CATEGORY

Residential	91.9494 %	\$1,019,526.57
Commercial	3.6390 %	\$40,348.74
Industrial	0.9996 %	\$11,083.81
Personal Property	3.4120 %	\$37,831.58
		\$1,108,790.70

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Tabitha Tashjian, Chmn.
Kathleen Usher, Clerk
Herman Spinney 2nd Member

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector received and paid to the Town Treasurer the following amounts.
These amounts were received for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1999.

Real Estate

1999	1,101,089.51
1998	25,839.79
1997	2,642.91

Personal Property

1999	38,392.90
1998	2,104.18
1997	15.96
1996	14.26
1995	35.32
1994	20.60
1993	18.42
1991	8.58
1990	9.84

Motor Vehicle

1999	114,133.31
1998	28,294.34
1997	1,321.35
1996	383.44
1995	59.06
1994	13.75

Tax Title Payment for Treasurer	100.00
Title V Septic Loan Principal	2,156.81
Title V Septic Loan Interest	2,837.93
Rollback Taxes and Interest	2,395.39
Chapter Withdrawal Taxes and Interest	4,612.94
Penalty Tax and Interest	617.03
Forest Products Tax	2,392.00
General Fund	148.78
Flagging Fees for Registry of Motor Vehicles	660.00
Deputy Tax Collector Charges and Fees	2,522.00
Tax Collector Charges and Fees	2,665.00
Municipal Lien Certificates	2,675.00
Interest Added to Delinquent Bills	6,131.78
Bank Interest	1,011.96

TOTAL	1,345,324.14
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Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Carpenter
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 1999

ASSETS		
Cash		722,074.13
Mass. Investors Trust Stock (Alden Fund)		5,000.00
Accounts Receivables:		
Real Estate	34,833.84	
Personal Property	7,757.49	
Motor Vehicle	7,737.42	
Tax Title	65,277.22	
Tax Title Possessions	12,043.02	127,648.99
Other Receivables:		
State Highway Chapter 113B	2,566.75	
Highway Snow and Ice Deficit	13,067.60	
Police Department - Road Detail	138.10	
Cherry Sheet Underestimates - RMV	1,154.00	
Employee Deductions	149.52	17,075.97
Debt:		
Loans Authorized and Unissued Library Project	160,000.00	
Loans Authorized and Issued - Municipal Building	725,000.00	885,000.00
Total Assets		\$ 1,756,799.09

LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES

Gifts and Bequests		2,588.56
Grants		35,821.37
Revolving Funds		49,449.42
Trust Fund:		
Mass. Investors Trust	5,000.00	
Fobes Memorial Library Fund	26,040.35	
Oakham Library Fund	37,162.96	
Henry Burt Wright Fund	363.32	
Stabilization Fund	57,467.85	
Alden Fund	43,111.25	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	43,455.55	
Sam Dean legacy	7,980.95	
War Memorial Fund	633.14	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	3,294.33	
Arts Council	<u>183.53</u>	224,693.23
Projects:		
Municipal Building Construction	47,526.86	
Landfill Closure	6,622.87	54,149.73
Deferred Revenue:		
Motor Vehicle Revenue	7,737.42	
Tax Title & Possessions	77,320.24	
Highway State Aid - Chapter 113B	<u>2,826.70</u>	87,884.36
Loans:		
Loans Unissued - Library Project	160,000.00	
Notes Payble - Municipal Building	<u>725,000.00</u>	885,000.00
Other:		
Cherry Sheet Assessments	1,514.00	
Overlay - Reserved for Abatements	25,872.51	
Revenue - Subsequent Years ATM Votes	193,327.50	
Revenue - Surplus Revenue	<u>196,498.41</u>	417,212.42
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 1,756,799.09</u>

Appropriation/Expenditure Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1999

Account Name	Carried Over Fiscal 1998	Fiscal 1999 Appropriation	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
Moderator		103.00		103.00	0.00
Board of Selectmen		7,279.00		5,530.67	1,748.33
Town Accountant / Admin. Assistant		16,784.00		16,778.98	5.02
Town Acct. Computer Purchase		2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00
Finance Committee		525.00		168.53	356.47
Reserve Fund		12,500.00	(7,642.28)	0.00	4,857.72
Board of Assessors		17,447.00		17,323.50	123.50
Treasurer - Expenses		6,839.00		6,830.21	8.79
Tax Collector - Expenses		7,839.00		7,739.74	99.26
Town Council		18,713.92	2,508.40	21,222.32	0.00
Town Clerk Expenses		4,247.00		4,217.21	29.79
Town Clerk Computer Purchase		1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00
Town Clerk Vault Repair		500.00		89.00	411.00
Town Clerk Election Expenses		1,651.00		1,620.18	30.82
Town Clerk Census		1,318.00		532.95	785.05
Conservation Commission		2,635.00		0.00	2,635.00
Planning Board		660.00		10.00	650.00
C.M.R.P.C. Assessment		276.10		276.10	0.00
Zoning Appeals Board		275.00		50.00	225.00
Municipal Building Expenses		6,250.00	1,876.32	8,126.12	0.20
Municipal Building Short Term Interest		18,658.66		18,658.66	0.00
Municipal Building Legal Expenses		9,127.42		9,127.42	0.00
Annual Town Report		1,200.00		826.52	373.48
Town Hall Expenses		15,197.00		15,144.28	52.72
Police Department Chief Salary		39,882.00		39,882.00	0.00
Police Department Expenses		30,768.00	1,220.67	31,982.63	6.04
Fire Department		31,635.00	1,378.29	31,572.10	1,441.19
Dispatching		25,500.00		24,670.74	829.26
Ambulance		26,775.00		24,843.96	1,931.04
Zoning Enforcement Officer		500.00		500.00	0.00
Animal Inspector Salary		256.00		256.00	0.00
Civil Defense		300.00		0.00	300.00
Tree Warden		350.00		350.00	0.00
Dutch Elm		600.00		200.00	400.00

Insect Control - Salary	100.00			100.00	0.00
Quabbin Reg. Assessment	811,290.00			801,351.00	9,939.00
Vocational Education	86,000.00			76,618.78	9,381.22
School Bond	171,149.00			171,149.00	0.00
Highway Department Expenses	36,310.00			34,097.96	2,212.04
Highway Department Salaries	88,498.00			87,674.57	823.43
Highway Snow and Ice	18,500.00			31,567.60	(13,067.60)
Highway Electrical Accident	8,345.34			8,345.34	0.00
Board of Health	1,000.00			203.00	797.00
Council on Aging	3,250.00			2,650.61	599.39
Veterans' Agent Expenses	2,530.00			2,019.25	510.75
Library Expenses	21,094.00			20,034.82	1,059.18
Library Roof Repair	2,270.00			2,270.00	0.00
Historical Commission	100.00			0.00	100.00
Parks & Recreation Expenses	3,900.00			3,900.00	0.00
Parks & Recreation Sound System	4,000.00			3,975.50	24.50
Meditax - Town Contribution	4,000.00			3,443.27	556.73
Group Insurance	14,000.00		658.60	14,658.60	0.00
Worc. County Retirement Assessment	18,775.00			18,775.00	0.00
Blanket Insurance	35,000.00			32,700.00	2,300.00
Wachusett Home Health Aid	1,279.00			1,279.00	0.00
Treasurer - Foreclosures	2,000.00	1,453.50		175.00	3,278.50
Treasurer - Interest Expense	8,313.00			8,312.50	0.50
Tax Collector - Tax Title Expense	500.00			55.88	444.12
Cemetery - Mowing	3,054.00			3,054.00	0.00
	1,453.50	1,655,348.44	5,133.88	1,620,543.50	36,258.44

Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

Account Name	Carried Over Fiscal 1998	Interest Fiscal 1999	Receipts Fiscal 1999	Expenditures Fiscal 1999	Balance to Fiscal 2000
<u>Revolving Funds, Chapter 53 E 1/2:</u>					
Board of Health Agent	900.00		10,350.00	9,759.00	1,491.00
Building Inspector	0.00		4,638.25	4,638.25	0.00
Dog Officer	3,131.17		2,482.00	3,438.54	2,174.63
Fire Department Inspections	0.00		580.00	580.00	0.00
Plumbing Inspector	0.00		955.00	955.00	0.00
Tax Collector Charges Due	791.00		5,355.00	5,910.00	236.00
Tax Collector Deputy Charges Due	291.00		2,522.00	2,722.00	91.00
Town Clerk Charges Due	303.50		1,769.80	2,071.65	1.65
Wire Inspector	0.00		2,475.00	2,475.00	0.00
Total Revolving Funds, Chapter 53 E 1/2	5,416.67	0.00	31,127.05	32,549.44	3,994.28
<u>Donations:</u>					
Ambulance Donations	701.10		1,255.00	1,734.15	221.95
Council on Aging Donations	850.30		225.00	342.31	732.99
Library Fines & Donations	946.55		482.07		1,428.62
Total Donations	2,497.95	0.00	1,962.07	2,076.46	2,383.56
<u>State Grants:</u>					
Community Septic Management Loan	12,281.10	504.28			12,785.38
Council on Aging Grant	1.20		2,400.00	2,401.20	0.00
Fire Department Grant	221.25			221.25	0.00
Highway Chapter 113B	140,389.45			137,562.75	2,826.70
Library State Grant	7,734.07		1,956.74		9,690.81
Police - Community Policing	0.00		16,000.00	15,997.15	2.85
Police - Dare Grant	21.05		6,000.00	5,890.85	130.20
Police - Federal Block Grant	5.59			5.59	0.00
Police - Law Enforcement Trust	975.44		944.19	1,512.58	407.05
Title V Septic Repair Grant	6,264.39	277.95	4,994.74		11,537.08
Total State Grants	161,629.15	504.28	27,300.93	163,591.37	25,842.99

Account Name	Carried Over Fiscal 1998	Interest Fiscal 1999	Receipts Fiscal 1999	Expenditures Fiscal 1999	Balance to Fiscal 2000
<u>Other Special Revenue Funds:</u>					
Ambulance Receipts Reserved	7,931.14		29,101.07	24,700.00	12,332.21
Cemetery Fund	2,826.80		6,275.00	5,883.99	3,217.81
Center School Insurance Claim	0.00		470.50	285.00	185.50
Conservation Comm. Wetland Protection	2,882.81		452.50	1,010.00	2,325.31
Highway Department Driveway Permits	26,450.00		3,600.00	3,750.00	26,300.00
Parks & Recreation	203.24		3,593.00	3,248.68	547.56
Police Pistol Permits	0.00		580.00		580.00
War Memorial Fund	205.00				205.00
Total Other Special Revenue Funds	40,498.99	0.00	44,072.07	38,877.67	45,693.39
<u>Trust Fund (transfer to General Fund)</u>					
Alden Fund	0.00		1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00
Arts Council	1,900.00		3,300.00	3,932.00	1,268.00
Total Trust Fund, (transfer to General Fun	1,900.00	0.00	5,200.00	5,832.00	1,268.00
<u>Projects</u>					
Municipal Building Construction	850,000.00			802,473.14	47,526.86
Landfill Closure	6,772.87			150.00	6,622.87
Total Projects	856,772.87	0.00	0.00	802,623.14	54,149.73
<u>Agency</u>					
Police - Road Detail	24.00		1,902.90	2,065.00	(138.10)
<u>Employee Withholdings:</u>					
Deferred Comp.			6,874.88	6,874.88	0.00
Dor/Cse			4,200.02	4,050.50	149.52
Federal			23,029.38	23,029.38	0.00
State			12,896.58	12,896.58	0.00
Meditax			3,394.72	3,394.72	0.00
Health Insurance			6,282.00	6,282.00	0.00
Worcester County Retirement			9,667.57	9,667.57	0.00
Total Employee Withholdings	0.00	0.00	66,345.15	66,195.63	149.52
Grand Totals	1,136,963.68	68,764.91	109,673.54	1,113,810.71	133,331.95

TOWN OF OAKHAM
REPORT OF THE TREASURER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1999

GENERAL FUND

CASH

BALANCE JULY 1 1998		\$425,705.70
Cash received during the year		\$3,473,749.19
Cash Available		\$3,899,454.89
Cash disbursed during the year		\$3,485,522.39

BALANCE JUNE 30 1998		\$413,932.50

TRUST FUNDS

Library Funds:		
Forbes Mem Library		\$26,040.35
Oakham Library		\$37,162.96
Oakham Lib and Park		\$363.32
		\$63,566.63

Stabilization Fund		\$57,467.85
Cemetery Funds		\$43,455.55
Sam Dean Legacy Fund		\$7,980.96
War Memorial Fund		\$633.14
Post War Rehab Fund		\$3,294.33
Arts council		\$183.53
Alden Fund:		
Cash		\$43,111.25
Securities, at cost *		\$5,000.00
		\$48,111.25

* Market value of Alden Fund Investments of approximately \$314,890.25 are not included. 14818.365 shares at \$21.25 per share.

TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		\$224,693.24

Respectfully Submitted

Edna G. Holloway
Treasurer

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